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1. The following table shows the gradual change in population of the Recovered Territories as a result of Polish colonization efforts:

| Date | German Residents | Polish Residents |
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| 1939 | 7,600,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Aug 1945 | ? | 2,000,000 |
| Feb 1946 | 2,170,000 | 2,700,000 |
| Sep 1946 | ? | 4,000,000 |
| Jul 1947 | 350,000 | 5,100,000 |

Of the 4,100,000 Poles who entered the Recovered Territories between 1939 and Jul 47, 2 million were from central and eastern Poland, and the balance from Germany, Italy, France, and England.

2. On 15 Nov 47 real estate property rights are to be legalized and transferred to the new owners in all counties of lower Silesia. Because of the technical work involved in the measurement of plots, each county will be divided into an average of three administrative areas. County commissioners will have the responsibility for allotting buildings as well as land. Priority will be determined by the settlers' dates of arrival, and farms of from six to nine hectares will be permitted. Artisans are to receive only one hectare. Farms of over three hectares are to be supplied with two cows, a team of draft horses or bullocks, and such farm equipment as threshing machines, ploughs, carts, harrows, etc. Farmers with less than three hectares will receive no animals or equipment and will be forced to surrender any they may already own.
3. Settlers are to pay for their farms in annual installments due over a period of 20 years. Animals must be paid for, however, by 30 Jan 48. A horse will cost 40-120 thousand zlotys; a bullock, 40-60 thousand zlotys; and a cow, 25-60 thousand zlotys;
4. Most of the colonists in Kladzko county are rowdy war veterans. They are mainly farmers who, unlike the colonists during the German occupation, do not want to work in the factories.

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